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REMARKS

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[redacted] 1. On 21 July 1952, the Hohenlohe Kaserne in Potsdam was unoccupied after the departure of the AAA units. Only a guard detail of six soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets was seen at the installation. The Ludendorff Kaserne was also unoccupied, and only two sentries were seen there. (1)

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2. Prior to 30 July, the Adolf Hitler Kaserne quartered only a guard detail. On 24 July, 15 officers and women and, on 29 July, 20 soldiers were observed at the athletic field of the installation.

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[redacted] 4. [redacted] 3 prime movers with trailers and 6 trucks including [redacted] which were loaded with billeting equipment leaving the Delius Kaserne toward Wildpark. On 5 August, 15 to 20 trucks loaded with billeting equipment were continually observed proceeding toward Wildpark. [redacted] 25X1

25X1 25X1 [redacted] were identified. Equipment entrained at the Wildpark railroad station during the period from 4 to 6 August included: various types of billeting equipment; 8 x 122-mm field guns with prime movers [redacted] 2 field guns with prime movers; 1 repair shop truck; and another prime mover. About 250 ammunition boxes were seen on the loading ramp. On 6 August, 25 trucks were seen loaded on freight cars. [redacted] were identified. Five prime movers with 122-mm field guns were on the ramp. About 15 trucks loaded with billeting equipment were parked in the wooded area opposite the railroad station. [redacted] Nine prime movers with 122-mm field guns and about 150 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia were also seen there. (2)

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5. About 1 p.m. on 1 August, an artillery unit with 6 prime movers towing artillery pieces and 10 trucks loaded with soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, and with ammunition, were seen in Potsdam proceeding toward Nedlitz. Motor vehicles

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6. On 29 July, the barracks installation in Wildpark-West quartered about 3,000 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets, most of them with motor transport insignia. Individual air force soldiers were also seen there. The number of vehicles parked in the wooded area south and southeast of this barracks installation including trucks, trailers, tank and repair shop trucks had increased to an estimated 1,500. Maintenance work on vehicles and drivers' training was observed. Vehicles observed proceeding to the barracks installation

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7. At 9 a.m. on 29 July, 30 new trucks were being unloaded at the Wildpark railroad station. Workshop was seen near these vehicles.

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8. On 29 July, the barracks installation in Golm quartered only a rear detail of about 300 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery or motor transport insignia. (1)

9. The following operations at the Wildpark railroad station during the period from 1 through 6 August:

1 August. At 11 a.m., 12 boxcars were loaded with about 200 soldiers and equipment, and flatcars were loaded with 4 T-34 tanks, 3 JS tanks, 1 field kitchen, 1 workshop truck and 4 trucks

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The personnel and equipment had come from the Krie[illegible]schule.(3)

5 August. At 7:30 p.m., 20 boxcars were loaded with 300 soldiers and equipment, 20 flatcars with sideracks with 2 x 152-mm gun howitzers, 1 gun barrel carriage, 1 field kitchen, 2 caterpillar tractors

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trucks i[illegible] about 20

[illegible] which had come from the southern section of the Delius Kaserne left the railroad station toward Brandenburg at 4:55 p.m. on 6 August. (2)

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25X1 [redacted] 12. [redacted] took about 80 officers holding ranks from junior lieutenant to captain with their luggage to the Kriegsschule. On 29 July, these 80 officers were observed participating in the following tour of duty: 6:30 to 7 a.m. Callisthenics for all officers and officer cadidates. 7:30 a.m. Roll call. A colonel passed the front of officers and announced the tour of duty for the day. [redacted] the 80 officers were subject to close order drill with the recruits under the supervision of two majors. Each officer was trained in giving commands. [redacted] each occupied by about 15 officer candidates and carrying 1 x 50-mm mortar and 1 portable radio set left the Kriegsschule toward Nedlitz. The trucks returned about 6 p.m. At 5 p.m. on 28 July, about 150 officers carrying suit cases arrived at the Kriegsschule. [redacted] the average age of the officers as 25 years. They fell in the front of the headquarters building, turned in their orders and were quartered in building U 3. After 29 July, these officers participated in the daily tour of duties. On 29 July, 30 officer candidates were promoted to the rank of junior lieutenant. At 1 p.m., these officers heard a farewell address of the general. They were marched with music to the Adolf Hitler Kaserne. [redacted] these officers were quartered at this barracks installation or whether they were to be transferred from there. On 31 July, 1 JS-3 tank [redacted] T-34/85 tank, each occupied by 10 officer candidates, were observed leaving the Kriegsschule toward Nedlitz. The four trucks [redacted] which had previously belonged to the Kriegsschule, had to be turned in. After 17 July, 4 or 5 new trucks were made available to the Kriegsschule for supply missions. The trucks came from the Adolf Hitler Kaserne. [redacted]

13. About 4:30 p.m. on 16 July, four trucks [redacted] were observed entering the Adolf Hitler Kaserne coming from Bornstedterfeld. Each of the trucks was occupied by about 20 women wearing field equipment and armed with carbines.

[redacted] 14. Prior to 5 August, the Kavallerie Schule at Krampnitz was only lightly occupied. Only 10 tanks were observed in the tank garages, including 2 T-34 tanks [redacted] 5 T-34/85 tanks [redacted] and 3 JS tanks [redacted] About 7 a.m. on 2 August, five groups of 30 men each were observed practicing saluting under the supervision of a major. At 8:45 a.m., about 300 soldiers armed with rifles, submachine guns, AT rifles, machine guns and signal equipment left the barracks installation toward the Doeberitz troop training grounds. About 20 soldiers remained in the buildings of the installation. Between 9 and 11:30 a.m., five groups of soldiers marched to a tank garage at an interval of 30 minutes each. They apparently received instruction there. The soldiers carried manuals and notebooks. Detachments leaving the installation at intervals of about 10 minutes on 4 August included 2 detachments of about 80 soldiers each, carrying rolled blankets and a portable radio set and armed with rifles, led by 3 and 2 officers respectively; 1 detachment of about 40 men armed with rifles and 1 machine gun; 1 detachment of 1 officer and 15 EM with signal equipment; and 1 detachment of 2 officers and 50 EM with 3 AT rifles and 6 mortars of about 80-mm. [redacted] four baking ovens were in operation in one of the barracks buildings. According to a bricklayer, the ovens had a capacity of 2,400 loaves of bread per one eight-hour shift. The bricklayer stated that construction work at the installation would have to be continued for some more weeks. (S)

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16. On 28 July, the majority of the soldiers stationed at the Kavallerie Schule in Krampnitz had not returned. On 21 July, [redacted] 20 soldiers ate at the central kitchen. Construction work on three blocks of the barracks installation was scheduled to be completed by 1 August. However, on 22 July, the supply officer notified the construction workers that the completion of the project was no longer urgent. Some of the construction workers were assigned to other jobs. (5)

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17. Three delivery slips for ration supplies delivered by the ration supply depot [redacted] to the kitchen of the installation were found at the Kavallerie Schule on 21 July. The slips were dated 2 March 1952.

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[redacted] Comments.

(1) The report indicates that there no change occured in the occupation of Hohenlohe Kaserne, Ludendorff Kaserne and Adolf Hitler Kaserne in Potsdam and of the barracks installation at Golm. On 9 July, [redacted] about 2,000 soldiers at the barracks installation in Wildpark-West and on 10 June about 900 motor vehicles and 400 trailers. [redacted]

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(2) The observations made on the moving out of the unidentified gun artillery brigade (140th?) from the southern section of the Delius Kaserne confirm reports furnished [redacted] six troop trains were dispatched from Wildpark to Altengrabow during the period from 2 through 7 August 1952. [redacted]. The 30th Gds Gun Arty Brig or at least elements of this brigade returned from Altengrabow to the northern section of the Delius Kaserne on four trains on 31 July and 1 August. [redacted]. See also paragraphs 5 and 11 of the present report.

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(3) It is believed that the tanks were detached to the Kriegsschule for instruction purposes.

(4) In early June, an officer and an NCO course of the GOFO were transferred from Luensdorf to the Kriegsschule. According to available information, the candidates of the officer course were returned to their troop units shortly before the courses were transferred to Potsdam. It appears that a new officer training course was started in late July.

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(5) [redacted] the Kavallerie Schule in Krampnitz quartered 700 to 800 men on 25 July. This estimate is confirmedby paragraphs 14 and 16 of the present report. [redacted]

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[redacted] belongs to [redacted] the 10th Gds Tank Div in Krampnitz.
in World War II probably belonged to the 191st Rifle Regt of the 22d Rifle Div. Prior to World War II and during World War II, this division was stationed in the Maritime MD. In August 1945, it was observed that the division was assigned to the Second Army in the Far East.
[redacted] is now reportedly in the Turkestan MD, it may be assumed that the division was deactivated after 1945 and the APN reassigned or that the APN was misidentified during World War II.
[redacted] was assigned to the 147th Gds Rifle Regt of the 49th Gds Rifle Div during World War II. No component of this division has been identified since the war.
[redacted] which belongs to the 56th Motor Trans Regt of the GOFC at the Wildpark-West barracks installation in Potsdam.
confirms the 61st Gds Mv Tank SP Regt of the 10th Gds Tank Div in Krampnitz until 15 April 1952.
confirms the 63d Gds Tank Regt of the 10th Gds Tank Div until 1 April 1952. The regiment is stationed in Brandenburg.
probably belongs to an unidentified air force unit in the Chita Oblast.
belongs to an unidentified gun artillery brigade of the 34th Army Div (US) in Potsdam.
Ya is assigned to a music school of the GOFC.
belongs to a tank regiment of the 10th Gds Tank Div in Krampnitz.
belongs to an unidentified unit in Tambov, Moscow MD.

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